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Letter dated 5 June 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a detailed statistical table showing the violations of Lebanese sovereignty committed by Israel during the month of May 2006. A total of 139 violations were committed (see annex).

These violations are in contravention of the relevant Security Council resolutions, the latest of which is resolution 1655 (2006), and in defiance of your repeated calls for their cessation, most recently in your report S/2006/26 of 18 January 2006. Lebanon counts on the United Nations to compel Israel to desist from such violations, which constitute a threat to international peace and security, and holds Israel responsible for any consequences to which its actions may give rise.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 14, "The situation in the Middle East", and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Caroline **Ziadeh**
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Statistical table showing Israeli violations of Lebanese sovereignty during May 2006

Air violations				*Sea violations*	*Land violations*			*Total violations*
					Military acts of aggression	*Field violations*	*Breaches*	
Military jet	Reconnaissance	Helicopter	Total	Crossing of territorial waters, artillery fire and shooting of flares and firebombs over territorial waters	Air raids, artillery shelling, shelling of military positions and important posts, attacks on and killing of civilians	Gunfire, launching of firebombs, dropping of artillery missiles, infiltration and crossing of international borders	Threats and displaying of weapons, bulldozing of soil, placing of barbed wire and setting up of installations inside Lebanese territory	
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